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MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

'That the Glanders and Farcy (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 39 of 1965), as passed by the Assembly, be passed.'

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

(4) THE MADRAS PRESERVATION OF PRIVATE FORESTS (CONTINUANCE) BILL, 1965 (L.A. BILL NO. 37 OF 1965).

THE HON. SRI N. S. S. MANRADIAR : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move—

'That the Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Continuance) Bill,[a] 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 37 of 1965), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration.'

The Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act was first enacted in the year 1946 with a view to preventing the indiscriminate destruction of private forests and interference with customary and prescriptive rights therein. The Act, as it stands now, is the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949 (Madras Act XXVII of 1949), which applies to forests situated in estates as defined in the Madras Estates Land Act, 1908 (Madras Act I of 1908) and to private forests situated in other areas in the State of Madras and having a contiguous area exceeding 30 acres which may be declared by the District Collector to be forests for the purposes of the Act by notification in the district Gazette.

The Act was originally enacted as a temporary measure for a period of two years with effect from the 3rd December 1946. But later the life of the Act was extended from time to time by means of amending Acts. Under the latest amendment made last by Madras Act 23 of 1963, the life of the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949, was extended up to the 2nd December 1965.

Under the Madras Inam Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1963 (Madras Act 26 of 1963) and the Madras Inam (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1963 (Madras Act 30 of 1963), large areas hitherto under private forests in iruvaram villages and minor inams in South Arcot, Salem and Tirunelveli districts will vest in the Government. But even after the enforcement of these two enactments, there will still be some private forests not governed by either of them in the North Arcot, Coimbatore, Madurai, Ramanathapuram, the Nilgiris, Salem and Tirunelveli districts.

The need for undertaking a comprehensive legislation in respect of private forests has been carefully re-examined. The Government have decided that such a comprehensive legislation is not necessary and that the provisions of the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949, are sufficient to regulate the working of the remaining

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private forests in this State. As no comprehensive legislation is proposed to be brought up, the Government consider that it is not necessary to keep the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949, which expires on the 2nd December 1965 as a temporary Act by extending its life periodically and that the Act may be made a permanent one.

I request the House, Sir, to accept the motion.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

'That the Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Continuance) Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 37 of 1965), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration.'

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 2 to 5 were put and carried.

Clause 1, the Long Title and the Enacting Formula were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI N. S. S. MANRADIAR : Sir, I move—

'That the Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Continuance) Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 37 of 1965), as passed by the Assembly, be passed.'

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

'That the Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Continuance) Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 37 of 1965), as passed by the Assembly, be passed.'

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

5-00 p.m. MR. CHAIRMAN : The House will now adjourn *sine die*.

The House then adjourned *sine die*.

VIII—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

A. Statutory Rules and Orders.

* 274. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No. 749, Public (Services-A), dated 12th April 1965 making amendment to the Madras Public Service Commission Regulations, 1954 relating to the Madras Industries Subordinate Service. [Laid on the Table of the House under Article 320 (5) of the Constitution of India.]*

* 275. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No. 803, Public (Services-A), dated 23rd April 1965 making amendment, to the Madras Public Service Commission Regulations, 1954, relating to the Madras General Service. [Laid on the Table of the House under Article 320 (5) of the Constitution of India.]*